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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7847**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1864

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 23, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 22, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Cancer Registry; Birth Problems Registry.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows the State Department of Health to enter into a contract for the collection, analysis, and research of epidemiologic data compiled for the Cancer Registry. Beginning July 1, 2002, the bill requires the State Department of Health to publish and make available to the public an annual report summarizing the information collected during the previous calendar year.

The bill also requires certain severe disabilities that are recognized in a child after birth and before the child becomes two years of age to be reported to the Birth Problems Registry. It makes provisions regarding the reporting of birth problems. The bill further specifies that the State Department of Health is not required to implement the reporting of certain birth problems until receiving the necessary funding.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Cancer Registry:* This bill allows the Department of Health to contract for the operation of the Cancer Registry. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health already has the authority to enter into contracts necessary to conduct the business of the Department. Therefore, no fiscal impact is anticipated for this provision of the bill.

The bill further requires the Department to publish, by July 1 of each year, an annual report based on information collected during the previous calendar year. The first annual report is not required until July 1, 2002. This provision will require a revision of the Department's administrative rules concerning the length of time providers are allowed to complete required reports and may impact information that is currently required to be initially reported. The fiscal impact of the actual rule revision should be minimal. The associated cost should be absorbed within the Department's current level of funding.

*Background:* The Department of Health's administrative rules (410 IAC 21-1-6) currently require the Cancer Registry to produce a comprehensive annual report. This report is based on a calendar year and currently

requires nearly a year to complete. The length of time necessary to produce the report is partially a function of the fact that the entities required to report data have six months to report confirmed diagnoses. This time frame is allowed so that the hospitals can collect the detailed data requested for the initial report. The registry may need to revise the information required on the initial reports in order to meet the timing requirements required by this bill.

*Birth Problems Registry:* The bill also provides a more specific definition of birth problems that are required to be entered in the Birth Problems Registry. The definition adds "other severe disabilities that are recognized in a child after birth, but before the child is four years of age". (*Current language does not include an upper age limit.*) This definition may be useful in developing incidence data on conditions with later onset.

The Department reports that the source of the data entered in the Birth Problems Registry is the electronic birth certificate submitted to the Department. The Birth Problems Registry has no other mechanism in place for collecting information regarding later onset problems although the Department also maintains the Newborn Screening Registry. The expansion of the Birth Problems Registry would require a first year cost of \$353,568 and a second year cost of \$298,191. The fiscal estimate is shown in detail below.

**Fiscal Estimate: Expansion of the Birth Problems Registry**

	<b>FY 2002 Salaries</b>	<b>FY 2003 Salaries*</b>
1 PAT 1	33,228	34,557
1 PAT 2	26,078	27,121
1 COMOT 3	17,342	18,036
3 New Positions	76,648	79,714
Fringe Benefits	32,018	32,575
Total Personal Services	108,666	112,289
Leased Space	10,902	10,902
Equipment	9,000	-
Publication/Marketing	75,000	75,000
Software & Editing	100,000	100,000
Planning & Evaluation	50,000	-
<b>Total additional Cost</b>	<b>353,568</b>	<b>298,191</b>

\* Includes a 4% Pay Plan Increase.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) Currently the Birth Problems Registry is totally funded by the fee revenue of \$2 collected for each birth certificate search. An increase of \$1 in the fee charged for the Birth Problems Registry would raise an additional \$25,000 annually. The fee would need to increase by \$14 in order to cover the entire cost of the expanded registry. Increases in the Registry fees are performed under the Department's rule-making authority. If the fees are not increased, funding from an alternative source would be needed. The Department is not required to implement the changes in the Birth Problems Registry until funding is identified. The Department has committed to seek funding for the Birth Problems Registry expansion from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health, Cancer Registry and the Birth Problems Registry.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County-owned Hospitals.

**Information Sources:** 410 IAC 21-1, Martha Graves, Director, Cancer Registry, (317) 233-7424.